

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their time and energy to attaining excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Verle “E.V.” Coolley of Centralia enjoys selection as a 2004 Agricultural Person of the Year by the Centralia Chamber of Commerce which will grant him honors and accolades on April 15, 2004, at its Annual Dinner in the Holy Spirit Catholic Church’s multipurpose building; and

Whereas, the beloved spouse of Ina Cooley, E.V. Coolley has practiced agricultural production either part-time or full-time since returning home from World War II as a veteran soldier who served in the European theater of operations; and

Whereas, E.V. Coolley will be recognized by the Centralia Chamber of Commerce in association with his brother, Truman, with whom he has worked for more than seventy years to maintain their original family farmland through prosperous years and through challenging times; and

Whereas, E.V. and Ina Cooley have raised three children, Lynn Chandler, Loyd Coolley, and Kenneth Coolley, who participated in Junior Farmers Association activities, and have joyfully embraced the addition of seven grandchildren to their rural family; and

Whereas, E.V. and Ina Cooley are strong supporters of the Audrain 4-H Fair and Ina has also been active in Harrison Farm Women for approximately fifty years; and

Whereas, a member of the Christian Church, E.V. Coolley not only has spoken fondly of the early days of his farming career, but also has readily embraced progressive change down through the years and has provided insightful leadership on the advisory committees of The Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of E.V. Coolley as a Centralia Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Person of the Year and to convey to him heartiest congratulations upon reaching this milestone in his life and our best wishes for a future filled with continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of E.V. Coolley of Centralia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Wes Shoemyer
District No. 9

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1491, adopted April 6, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker